



Prohibited Conduct RMC § 2.78.060(B) & (C) Divulgence of Confidential Info Prohibited Use of City Resources Board of Ethics

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CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

Established

- * The Riverside City Council established a code of ethics and conduct that apply to the Mayor, members of the City Council, and all members of appointed boards, commissions and committees

(RMC § 2.78.010).

Purpose

- * The purpose of this Code of Ethics/Conduct is to achieve fair, ethical, and accountable local government for the City of Riverside

(RMC § 2.78.020).



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COMPLAINANT QUALIFICATION

To submit a complaint, a party must either:

- * Live, work (including vendors/contractors) or attend school in Riverside; unless
- * The alleged violation took place outside the boundaries of the City of Riverside and the complaining party personally witnessed or observed the alleged violation *(RMC § 2.78.040F)*.



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RMC § 2.78.060(B) PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Public officials shall refrain from the following:

- * Use or divulge confidential/privileged information obtained in the course of their official duties for:
 - Their own personal gain (financial or otherwise);
 - Gain of others in a manner contrary to public interest;
 - Violation of any law.



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CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED INFORMATION

Confidential/privileged information can be obtained in various scenarios as a public official, which can include attorney client communications and closed session meetings discussing:

- Personnel matters (e.g., hiring, evaluation, or dismissal of public employees);
- Pending litigation (e.g., case strategy, settlement, etc.);
- Real estate negotiations (e.g., discuss price, terms of property acquisition/disposal);
- Labor negotiations (meeting w/ negotiators regarding employee compensation);
- Confidential information (preventing the disclosure of information legally deemed confidential).



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RMC § 2.78.060(C) PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Public officials shall refrain from the following:

- * Use or permit the use of City resources for non-City purposes:
 - Their own personal gain (financial or otherwise);
 - Gain of others in a manner contrary to public interest;
 - Violation of any law.



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CITY RESOURCES

Public officials shall not use or permit the use for unapproved non-City activities, City resources including, but not limited to:

- * Funds (e.g., money, credit, etc.);
- * Seals or logos;
- * Time;
- * Personnel;
- * Supplies;
- * Equipment;
- * Identification cards/badges;
- * Facilities.



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EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to the prohibited use of City Resources by Public Officials include:

- * When the use of the resources is available to the general public (e.g., Technology, meeting rooms, library resources);
- * Use is provided for by administrative rules, regulations or policies;
- * Approved by a majority of the City Council.



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CONCLUSION

QUESTIONS?



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